

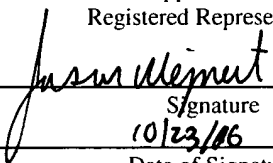
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Our Case No. 11336/1235 (P01040US)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Lappe et al.)	
)	Examiner: not yet assigned
Serial No. 10/562,083)	
)	Group Art Unit No.: not yet assigned
Filing Date: December 23, 2005)	
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For SYSTEM FOR COORDINATING)	
THE ROUTES OF A PLURALITY OF)	
NAVIGATION DEVICES)	

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47
TO ACCEPT APPLICATION OF UNAVAILABLE INVENTORS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to make an application for patent on behalf of and as an agent for the joint inventors, Dirk Lappe, Stefan Wolf, Hermann Dibos, and Guido Hovestadt, who cannot be found or reached after diligent efforts or have refused to sign the declaration for the above-referenced patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.47 (b). Applicant respectfully requests acceptance of the enclosed Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.47 and MPEP §409.03(a).

(A) As set forth in MPEP §409.03(a), the following are enclosed: An oath per 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 or 1.175, made on behalf of the nonsigning joint inventors as required by 37 CFR 1.64; and German Claiming Letters signed by each of the joint inventors. The enclosed Declaration is unsigned by the joint inventors;

(B) I, Jason M. Wejnert, represent Harman Industries International, Inc. ("Harman"), the parent company of Harman Becker Automotive Systems, GmbH, the current assignee under German law of the above-referenced patent application. I have no direct relationship with any of the named inventors;

(C) Attached herewith is the affidavit of Dr. Timothy Bast, European Intellectual Property Counsel for Harman Becker Automotive Systems, GmbH, per MPEP 409.03(d) indicating the facts relating to the diligent efforts made to secure the execution of the declaration of the joint inventors Lappe, Wolf, Dibos, and Hovestadt.

(D) On or around May 2006, the joint inventors were mailed a copy of the present patent application and a Declaration for signature by the joint inventors after review of the patent application.

(E) Between May 1, 2006 and October 20, 2006, the joint inventors were asked to review the present patent application and execute the Declaration. None of the joint inventors have responded or returned a signed Declaration.

(F) The last known addresses of the joint inventors are as follows:

Dirk Lappe, Schilling-von-Canstatt-Strasse, 10A, 76228 Karlsruhe, Germany;

Stefan Wolf, Woogstrasse 1A, 64367 Mühlthal, Germany;

Hermann Dibos, Becker-Goering-Strasse 16, 76307 Karlsbad, Germany;

Guido Hovestadt, Hohe Strasse 30, 58739 Wickede-Ruhr, Germany

(G) Attached herewith are the German Claiming Letters signed by the joint inventors Lappe, Wolf, Dibos, and Hovestadt on or about December 5, 2001, each agreeing to assign to Harman his interest in the present patent application, thus giving Harman proprietary ownership of the invention. Under German Law, an invention by an inventor employed by a German company may be claimed without limitation by the German company that employs the inventor

within a predetermined period of time from receipt by the German company of an invention disclosure from the inventor. The unlimited claim is effective as of the date of delivery of a "claiming letter" to the employee/inventor. To date, all rights to the invention were transferred to the employer by action of law (§7(1) ArbErfG).

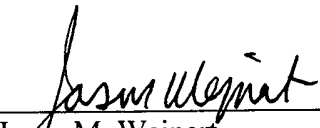
(H) This petition is being timely filed in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371, mailed March 24, 2006; and

(I) This petition is necessary to preserve Harman's rights and to prevent irreparable damage because the time limit for providing the missing Declaration is approaching.

Applicant has also calculated a processing fee in the amount of \$200.00 to be due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(g) in connection with the filing of this Statement. Applicant has enclosed a check covering this fee, and, if such fee is insufficient, authorizes charging the remaining fee to a deposit account as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Consideration of this petition and acceptance of the enclosed Declaration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney for Harman Industries International, Inc.

October 23, 2006

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**AFFIDAVIT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF FILING
ON BEHALF OF JOINT INVENTORS LAPPE, WOLF, DIBOS, AND HOVESTADT (37
C.F.R. 1.47)**

This declaration is made as to the facts that are relied upon to establish the diligent effort made to secure the execution of the declaration by the joint inventors Dirk Lappe, Stefan Wolf, Hermann Dibos, and Guido Hovestadt, who cannot be found or reached after diligent efforts or have refused to sign the declaration for the above-referenced patent application. This declaration is being made by a person having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited herein.

1. I, Dr. Tim Bast, am the European Intellectual Property Counsel for Harman International Industries, Inc. ("Harman"), the owner of the above-identified patent application.

2. Dirk Lappe and Stefan Wolf are former employees of Harman Becker Automotive Systems GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of Harman. Hermann Dibos and Guido Hovestadt are current employees of Harman Becker Automotive Systems GmbH.

3. On or about December 5, 2001, Dirk Lappe, Stefan Wolf, Hermann Dibos, and Guido Hovestadt signed the attached German Claiming Letters for the invention of the present application. The claiming letters gave Harman proprietary ownership of the invention. Under German Law, an invention by an inventor employed by a German company may be claimed without limitation by the German company that employs the inventor within a predetermined period of time from receipt by the German company of an invention disclosure from the inventor. The unlimited claim is effective as of the date of delivery of the claiming letter to the employee/inventor. To date, all rights to the invention were transferred to the employer by action of law (§7(1) ArbErfG).

4. On or about May 2006, Janine Doss, Assistant to European Intellectual Property Counsel, transmitted the present patent application and a Declaration for signature by the joint inventors after their review of the patent application to their current residences of Dirk Lappe (Schilling-von-Canstatt-Strasse, 10A, 76228 Karlsruhe, Germany) and of Stefan Wolf (Woogstrasse 1A, 64367 Mühlthal, Germany) as well as in electronic form to the company email accounts of Hermann Dibos (hdibos@harmanbecker.com) and of Guido Hovestadt (ghovestadt@harmanbecker.com).

5. Between May 1, 2006 and October 20, 2006, Janine Doss, Assistant to European Counsel, sent two separate reminders to the joint inventors asking them to sign the Declaration after their review of the patent application.

6. To date, none of the joint inventors Lappe, Wolf, Dibos, or Hovestadt have responded to the reminders or have returned executed Declarations.

7. The extendible deadline to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements for the present patent application is rapidly approaching. With the deadline to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements approaching, and since Mr. Lappe, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Dibos, and Mr. Hovestadt have not responded to the repeated requests for execution of the Declaration, Mr. Lappe, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Dibos, and Mr. Hovestadt are not available to sign the Declaration or refuse to sign the Declaration.

The undersigned further declares that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Bast', is written over a horizontal line.

Dated: 23 October 2006

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Title (*Titel*):

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Dear Mr. Dibos

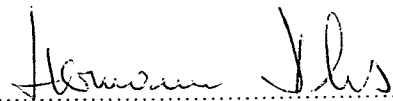
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Yours sincerely

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Dr. W. Quast
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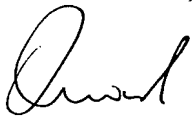
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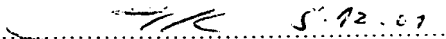
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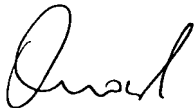
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